UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

Zhang,)
v.	Plaintiff,) Case No.: 1:24-cv-06834) Dist. Judge Jeremy C. Daniel
The Individuals, Corporations, Limited)
Liability Companies, Partnerships, And) Mag. Judge Sheila M. Finnegan
Unincorporated Associations Identified)
On Schedule A To The Complaint,)
	Defendants.)

Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time

NOW COME certain defendants¹ ("Defendants"), by and through their undersigned counsel and hereby request a short extension of time to respond to the Complaint. In support of this, Defendants state as follows:

- 1. Defendants remain substantively engaged with Plaintiff in settlement discussions including relevant evidence, and demands and offers. Defendants require a short additional time to evaluate settlement, or respond to the Complaint if ultimately necessary. Defendants submit that a short extension will not materially prejudice Plaintiff as a short extension may help avoid unnecessary substantive motion practice.
- 2. Defendants previously were granted until October 21, 2024 to respond. [Dkt. 74].
- 3. This Court may, for good cause, extend the time by which a response is due "if a request is made, before the original time or its extension expires." Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(b)(1)(A). "[U]nder Rule 6(b)(1) as interpreted by case law, the term "good cause" imposes a light burden." McCann v. Cullinan, 2015 WL 4254226, at * 10 (N.D. Ill 2015), citing, 1 Moore's Federal Practice § 6.06 [2] p. 632 (Matthew Bender 3d ed. 2013); See also, Sec. Ins. Co. of Hartford v. Schipporeit, Inc.,

¹ ASPMIZ Direct Store, Alishomtll, Likiyol, Blueangle, DAOXIANG, LLRline, JUMBEAR, LoiFa, ShoPen, Kaltoon, MMstyle, POUKE, ZhoLing, ToLuLu, Artso Shop, Anyshock, USORCHARD

69 F.3d 1377, 1381 (7th Cir. 1995), *citing*, <u>C.K.S. Eng'rs</u>, <u>Inc. v. White Mountain Gypsum Co.</u>, 726 F.2d 1202, 1205 (7th Cir. 1984) ("[I]t is the policy of [the Seventh Circuit] to favor trials on the merits over default judgments.").

- **4.** Defendants respectfully request this Court extend the date on which Defendants are to have filed response(s) to Plaintiff's Complaint, if ultimately necessary, to November 20, 2024.
- 5. This motion has been filed in good faith and is not interposed for purposes of delay.
- 6. This is the second motion for an extension of time filed by Defendants in this case.
- 7. Plaintiff has expressed that it does not oppose Defendants' requested extension.

WHEREFORE, Defendants pray that the Court will enter an order:

A. extending the time for Defendants to respond to Plaintiff's Complaint, if ultimately necessary, until November 20, 2024.

Dated this October 21, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

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